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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 29th/June, through Sunday, 6th/July there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**3D2, FIJI** (Addition/Correction to [OPDX.616](#)). Paul, A35RK, informs OPDX that Mike/KM9D (aka T21MY), Jan/KF4TUG (aka T2YL), himself, and his wife Va'inga will be visiting with Jytte Jarl, 3D2AJ, and her husband Arnold, at their home on Vanua Levu. They will be there from **July 12-21st**. Mike and Jan, who have been sailing around the Pacific the last two years, may stay longer on Fiji. Anyway, Paul states he will be active, on a casual basis, from **Vanua Levu**, using his Fiji callsign, **3D2RK**. This is a holiday for them, not a DXpedition operation, but there will be equipment and antennas available to them. Mike and Jan may also be active from the same QTH, but Paul doesn't know their callsigns yet. QSL 3D2RK via

W7TSQ.

**3DA, SWAZILAND.** Rad/ZS6RAD, Ron/ZS5ABD, Cliff/ZS6BOX and Willie/ZS5WI will be operating from Swaziland from **July 29th to August 3rd**. They have been granted the callsign **3DA0DX** by the Swaziland authorities. They will be joined by Willy/**3DA0BD** and Andy/**3DA0TM**. Activity will be on most bands from 160 meters through to UHF as time and conditions dictate. They will be using Phone, CW, WSJT, Slow Scan and RTTY from 0300-0700z and from 1400-2200z daily. QSL via the bureau or direct to ZS5WI: PO Box 1064, Eshowe, 3815, KZN, South Africa (Enclose a SAE, and it will be appreciated if the cost of postage can be covered as they have not secured any sponsorship).

**40 METERS TO CHANGE!** The following was announced on the ARRL Web site this past week: "Radio History is Made at WRC-03 with 7-MHz Realignment Compromise (July 3, 2003) -- There's good news from World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) for 40-meter enthusiasts. In an 11th-hour compromise, delegates to WRC-03, which wraps up officially July 4, agreed to **move broadcasters out** of 7100 to 7200 kHz in Regions 1 and 3 to make room for the Amateur Service. The agreement eventually will mean a 200-kHz worldwide allocation at 40 meters. Although the change does not go into effect until 2009, that's considered speedy in International Telecommunication Union (ITU) terms. Some of the timelines proposed during discussions on the 7 MHz agenda item would have held off the changes until 2033! The WRC-03 action on 7 MHz makes no change in the exclusive US 40-meter allocation. US amateurs will continue to enjoy the full 7000 to 7300 kHz band they now have."

**60 METERS IS UP AND ACTIVE!** Martin, W9XN/8, reports that the **1st Continental U.S. QSO on 60 meters** took place at on 5403.5 kHz at 0400z, on July 3rd. QSO was between W9XN/8 (Martin) in Westover, W.V. and N0FW (Pete) in Cincinnati (Hamilton), OH. RS reports were 59 both ways. Martin states that he used a TS-430S and 60 Meter Tri-Pole.

**7P, LESOTHO** (Update to [OPDX.612](http://www.amsatnet.com/7p8.html)). The **July 18-25th** 7P8 DXpedition by the Lone Star DX Association and the Texas DX Society has added two additional operators to its team. Noted Texas contester Larry Alkoff, N2LA, and his XYL Karen, K2DXV, of Austin have joined the U.S.-Canada team of K5LBU/7P8CF, W0IZ/7P8IZ, K4SV/7P8DA, W5MJ/7P8MJ, VA7DX/7P8NK and WW5L/7P8TA that will be on an all bands, all modes operation from Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho. The Alkoffs have requested the callsign 7P8LA and 7P8KA. The Alkoffs are members of the Central Texas DX and Contest Club in Austin. A online Web site and log search will be available once the DXpedition begins at: <http://www.amsatnet.com/7p8.html>

**9A, CROATIA.** Operators 9A1A, 9A7A, 9A3B, 9A4D, 9A5D and 9A7D will be active as **9A0HQ** in the **IARU HF World Championship (July 12-13th)**. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via 9A1A (automatically via the bureau for all contacts).

**C6, BAHAMAS.** Steve/AK0M and his wife Sandy (callsign not provided) will be active as **C6ASB** and **C6ASC**, respectively, on **Abaco Island (NA-080)** from **July 22-30th**. Steve informs OPDX that this trip is primarily a family vacation, and he will be on the air as time permits. However, he does mention he will do some participation in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Single-Op. Steve states this operation will be low key, 100 watts (IC-706) and QRP (FT-817) to a vertical from N4JQQ's old QTH, and a Buddipole from the beach. CW

is his preferred mode, but there may be some SSB, and maybe PSK31. QSL via his home callsign, AK0M.

**CP1, BOLIVIA (Special Activity/Contest).** Look for Radio Club La Paz's official club station, **CP1AA**, to be on the air along with some other CP1 stations **July 19th**. Stations will be calling: CQ OH! LINDA LA PAZ TEST. A nice diploma will be awarded and a QSL confirming the contact. All amateur stations can participate. Their band/mode schedule are as follows:

MODE	BAND	CP TIME	UTC TIME
SSB	80	1800-2200	2200-0200
SSB	40	1300-2200	1700-0200
SSB	20	1600-2000	2000-0000
CW	20	1600-2000	2000-0000
RTTY	20	1600-2000	2000-0000

QSLs should be sent before August 31st, 2003, to: RADIO CLUB LA PAZ, P.O.BOX 2111, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA. Their Web site is at: <http://www.radioclublupaz.netfirms.com>

**DA0, GERMANY.** Look for 55 operators from DARC to activate the callsign **DA0HQ** in the **IARU Contest**. QSL via DL5AXX.

**HB9, SWITZERLAND.** Operators HB9CVN, HB9DOS, HB9DQP, HB9FAE, HB9FBL, HB9FBM, HB9DOM, HB9YC, HB9ALM and HB9BZM will be active during the **IARU Contest** using the callsign **HB9A**. Activity will be on all bands and modes.

#### **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AF-046.** A team of operators will headed to **Desertas Island, Madeira Islands**, between **July 23-27th**. The main purpose of this trip is to mount a VHF repeater on this island, which will enlarge the VHF communications between all the islands in the Madeira Archiplego. Activity will be on SSB, CW and RTTY, on 80/40/20/ 17/15/12/10/6 meters. They will try to use the IOTA frequencies and also enter in the **RSGB IOTA Contest**. Callsigns will be **CT9D** and **CT9M** for RTTY. Operators are: CT3BD, CT3DL, CT3EE, CT3IA, CT3EN, CT3IQ, CT3KY, CT3KU and DF4SA. QSL via CS3MAD: Associacao de Radioamadores da Regiao da Madeira, P.O.Box 4694, 9000 Funchal, Ilha da Madeira, Portugal.
- **AS-NEW.** Operators Kim/HL1OYF, Phil/HL1TXQ, Park/HL1EJT, Han/HL1VAU, Kim/HL3QP, Butch/HL9DX, Jeon/DS1EVQ, Cho/DS1KOQ, Jeon/DS3BGI, and Ryu/DS4NYE (ed. This list of operators MAY change!) will be active between **July 17-20th** from **Chuk Island** (a new IOTA in the Kangwon-Do Province group). They will sign **homecall/2**. Due to the island being a military defense zone, operation will only take place during the daytime hours. The daily schedule will be as follows: Daily operation will start at 2030z and daily withdraw from island will be at 1000z. Since their time is limited, PLEASE DO NOT DUPLICATE QSOs. Activity will take place around the usual IOTA frequencies and DX windows. QSL direct only to Kim, HL1OYF: P.O.Box 54 Dong-jak, 156-600 Seoul, South Korea.
- **EU-016.** Roger, **9A/ON4TX**, will activate the Island of **Prezba** (CI-092) from **July 13-27th**. No bands or modes of activity were provided.
- **EU-129.** Look for German operators DH1LA, DH2AX, DH7NO, DL2RTK, DL2SWW, DL2VFR, DL6ATM and possibly others to participate in the **IOTA Contest (July 26-**

**27th**) as **DL0KWH** from **Peenemuende, Usedom Island**. They will be active 2-3 days before the contest and will operate using their individual callsigns on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via the Bureau.

- **EU-136**. Operators 9A2EU, 9A3SM, 9A4KJ and 9A5MR will be active as 9A7T/p from **Trstenik Island** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** as a Multi-Single Low Power Island Expedition entry. QSL via 9A2EU.
- **EU-145**. Operators CT1AGF, CT1HGS, CT3FN, F6HMJ, G3KHZ, VA2AM and possibly some more CT1 operators will be active in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** as an Expedition class entry from **Culatra Island**. Their callsign will be **CS5C**. QSL route is not yet set, maybe CT1AHU. For more information, visit the Web page at: [http://ct1end.netpower.pt/eu145\\_culatra\\_2003/](http://ct1end.netpower.pt/eu145_culatra_2003/)
- **EU-170**. IOCA 2003 TOUR UPDATE (Refer to OPDX.614). Emir, 9A6AA, reports that 4 new islands have been added to their list of islands to be activated during their "IOCA 2003 TOUR" (Operators are Eugene, 9A/RZ3EC; Sergey, 9A/UA3NAN; and Emir, 9A6AA. Activity on **July 12-19th**.) is:
  - **Kosmerka** : CI-441 (near Zirje Island)
  - **Vrtlac** : CI-442 (near Zirje Island)
  - **Sedlo** : CI-249 (between Kurba V. and Zirje Islands)
  - **Samograd** : CI-248 (between Kurba V. and Zirje Islands)
- **EU-181**. Operators LZ1QV, LZ1ZM, LZ1ZU, LZ1TA, LZ3YY, LZ4BU and possibly others will be active as **LZ1KSL** from **Sveta Anastasiya Island** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)**. QSL via LZ4BU.
- **EU-187**. Operators SV9ANJ, SV9ANK, SV9BGE, SV9BKZ, SV9BMC, SV9BMJ, SV9COL, SV9DJR, SV9FBG, SV9FBM and SV9GPM will be participating in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** from **Dia Island** (Crete's costal island) as a Multi-Operator/Mixed Mode/IOTA Island Station (DXpedition)/ High Power entry. They will use the special callsign **J49DIA**. Their time of activity will be from 1200z, **July 26th** to 1200z, **July 27th**. QSL via SV9ANK.
- **NA-140**. Jay, AE4MK, will be active as **W3I** from "Maryland West", **Kent Island** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27)** as a Single-Op/Phone entry. He plans on operating 12 hours for contest on 40-10 meters between 1200-2400z on July 26th. QSL via AE4MK.
- **SA-024**. Members of the Rio DX Group will operate from Comprida Island (Grid Locator: GG65) **July 25th to August 3rd**. Callsigns will be **PT2C** and **PQ2C**. Activity will be on 40-6 meters CW/SSB, on or near the usual DX and IOTA frequencies. Operators are: PY1NEW (Pete), PY1NEZ (Lima) and PY1VOY (Rick). The team will be active in the **RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th)** and the **K/VE Island Contest (August 2-3rd)**. QSL the following via Direct or by the Bureau: PT2C via PY1NEZ and PQ2C via PY1NEW. Electronic QSL (eQSL) to PT2C and PQ2C will be confirmed: via [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc)

**JX, JAN MAYEN**. Ove, LA2IJ, will be active as **JX2IJ** from **July 24-31st**. Activity will be mostly on RTTY, but also on SSB. Operating hours are uncertain. Suggested frequencies are: for RTTY 14083 and 21083; and for SSB on 20/17/15/12/10 meters depending on conditions. Ove informs OPDX he will be busy with work most of the days. QSL via LA2IJ direct or via the bureau. If direct, return postage must be 2 USD or 1 IRC due to high postal rates in Norway.

**KP4, PUERTO RICO**. Alfredo, WP3C, will be active as **KP4AH** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest**

(**July 26-27th**) as a Single-Op/24 Hrs/CW Only entry. QSL via DIRECT ONLY to KP4AH.

## **LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....**

- Operators CT1AGF, CT1EPV and CT3FN will activate the Lighthouse on **Cabo de Santa Maria Culatra Island** (IOTA: **EU-145**, L.H. numbers: LH 0144 and POR 013 36) using the callsign **CS5F** from **July 19-20th**. QSL CS5F via HB9CRV/CT3FN: Hermann Stein, Brueelmatten 13, CH4410 Liestal, Switzerland. For more information, visit the Web page at: [http://ct1end.netpower.pt/eu145\\_culatra\\_2003/](http://ct1end.netpower.pt/eu145_culatra_2003/)
- The Bahia Blanca DX Group will take part again in the **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (August 16-17th)**. This time from three different lighthouses at the same time. The group will not use any special callsign this time, only their personal callsigns/provincial letters (depending on the Lighthouse). Activity from all three lighthouses will be on all bands (including the WARC bands) and modes during the 48 hours event, uninterrupted. Here are the lighthouses that will be activated along with the operators:
  - **Recalada Lighthouse** -- Grid: FF91ia (ARG-009, Buenos Aires Province "/D"). Operators are: LU8EBK/Marcos, LU6EPR/Ricardo, LU4DRH/Dario, LU6DRD/Diego, LU8ECF/Hugo, LW9EVA/Hugo, LU8EHQ/ Carlos, LW3DKO/Cira and LW7DNS/Alejandra.
  - **El Rincon Lighthouse** -- Grid: FF80xo (ARG-???, Buenos Aires Province "/D"). Operators are: LU4ETN/Carlos, LU8EBJ/Gabriel, LW3DKC/Sebastian and LW8DMK/Marcelo.
  - **Rio Negro Lighthouse** -- Grid: FE88ow (ARG-???, Rio Negro Province "/V"). Operators are: LU7DSY/Carlos, LU5DRV/Walter, LW9EAG/ Gabriel, LU9ESD/Emmanuel and LU8DWR/Osmar.

Their QSL Manager is LU7DSY/Carlos: P.O. Box 709, 8000 Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The BBDX Group's Web site is at:

<http://www.geocities.com/bbdxgroup/>

**LT1, ARGENTINA.** The "Bad Power Team", consisting of operators LU1FAM, LU1FGE, LU1FKR and LW9EOC, will be active in the **IARU International Contest** as **LT1F**. QSL via AC7DX. Their Web page is at: <http://www.badpower.com.ar>

**OE, AUSTRIA.** Be looking for several **OE\*XHQ** stations to be active and handing out multipliers during the **IARU World Championship**. For example, don't be surprised to hear **OE1XHQ** on SSB on one band, and on the same band on SSB hear them signing **OE5XHQ**. Complete details on WHO is operating WHAT callsigns on what band ....etc is currently not available.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF.** Seppo/OH1VR and Lasse/OH0RJ will be active from here **July 10-14th**. They will be active as **OJ0VR** and **OJ0RJ** on 160-6 meters. Look for them to be active as **OJ0U** during the **IARU World Championship**. QSL via OH1VR, direct ONLY!

**OY, FAROE ISLANDS.** Karl, DK4ARL, will be active as **OY/DK4ARL** from **August 4-13th**. He prefers CW and SSB. Karl will be active from a camping site. His mobile home will be his QTH. QSL via the DARC Bureau.

## **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**



- The **4W3DX** (Timor-Leste) logs have now been posted by Thor, TF3MM, on his Web site at: <http://www.simnet.is/tf3mm/log4w3dx.html>
- Pedro, **HK3JJH**, informs OPDX that he made 2070 QSOs from Titumate Island (SA-093) in October 2002. He received 803 direct QSL cards, and all have been answered direct. He made 1970 QSOs from Morro Grande Island (SA-082) in June 2003, and received 170 direct QSL cards, and all have been answered direct. No QSLs were received via the bureau for these two operations, and Pedro thinks he will not receive any in the future. Pedro wants to remind everyone that the ONLY QSL Manager he has is for his Malpelo operations (N4AA). All other expeditions are answered only direct to his home callsign.
- **QSL RECEIVED!** George, K8GG, reports "I received my S05X QSLs last week from the April 2003 operation via the URE in Madrid and I received my TX4PG QSLs this week from the April/May 2003 operation via I2YSB. QSLs were mailed 7 weeks after the operation!"
- **USE THE CORRECT ADDRESS.** Ric, DL2VFR, informs OPDX that the new address for DL2SWW and DF9TM (recently active as **V31FG** and **V31DG**) is only correct on BUCK.com. The address on QRZ.com is incorrect, and they are trying to have it changed. The correct address is: Family Dreyer, Gartenweg 9, D-19069 Alt-Meteln, Germany. The Dreyers currently have no internet access, and the forwarding of mail from the old address will end very soon. By the way, V31FG and V31DG cards will be coming from the printer soon.
- Rick, NE8Z, announced last week that he is now the QSL Manager for all **VQ9DX** QSOs going back to 1996. Ron, AA5DX/VQ9DX is his cousin. His mother and Rick's mother (WB8WNJ) are sisters. QSLs are being printed and all old/new logs will be at his QTH within 2-3 weeks. Ron is presently active again on Diego Garcia (AF-007) until the end of July. NE8Z's address is: Rick Dorsch, P.O. Box 616, Hamburg, MI 48139.

**SV5, DODECANESE.** Look for Hubert, DK9NCX, to be active as **SV5/DK9NCX** from **August 20th through September 3rd**. Activity will be QRP and on CW/SSB. QSL via the DARC Bureau.

**SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS (Gone Silent!).** Bad News! Kostas, SV1DPI, informed the DX community this past week that he telephoned Monk Apollo to ask him to be active again. Monk Apollo told him that his HF transceiver (an old Icom) has been burned up for two months. A friend of his (a radioamateur from Thessaloniki) tried to repair it without success. So he now has no radio, and it looks like no activity until he receives another radio.

**T32, EAST KIRIBATI (Also, possibly KH6).** Hiro, JA0SC (ex-KH0/JA0SC, 3D2HY, XU7ABE, A35SC, 5W0HY, T22SC, 9N7SC, VK9CI and VK9LI), plans a visit to **Christmas Island**, East Kiribati, and work on the digital modes mostly as **T32SC** in early August. He will depart Narita on **August 2nd** and arrive in Honolulu, Hawaii, on the same day. He might be active as **KH6/JA0SC**. Hiro will depart Honolulu on **August 3rd** and arrive on Christmas Island on the same day. Using the callsign T32SC, he will be active from Captain Cook Hotel for 7 days. Activity will be on 20-10 meters, mostly using SSTV and RTTY. His equipment is: Rigs - HL-200BDX and FT-100 (Max-power 200 watts); Antennas: 2 element HB9CV and 14-28 Mhz tri-bander. He will depart Christmas Island on **August 11th** and arrive in Honolulu on the same day. Once again, he might be active as **KH6/JA0SC** before returning to Narita (August 12th). QSL to his home callsign JA0SC direct (address is OK on QRZ.COM). ADDED

NOTE: Hiro will be active in the "**26th JASTA SSTV Activity Contest**". Contest rules are available at the URL: <http://village.infoweb.ne.jp/%7Ejasta/english/index.html>

**T5/EI5C (Where are the doc's?).** Bill Leehan, N5SUM, is trying to put together a list of DXers who like to see or be interested in "pushing" (getting the ball rolling) the Irish IRTS (ARRL) to obtain/submit documentation for their 1994 T5/EI5C operation. Currently, T5/EI5C cards are NOT accepted for DXCC because they never submitted the necessary documents. Bill has tried on several occasions to contact the operator, the club (EI5C) president and the secretary of the IRTS. He has NEVER received the courtesy of a reply, even when he sent money (\$\$) for postage. If you are interested in helping to get the ball rolling or would like to be added to the list of DXers that need T5/EI5C to count, please E-mail Bill at: [n5sum@totacc.com](mailto:n5sum@totacc.com)

**TF, ICELAND.** After his activity from Faroe Island (see OY above), Karl, DK4ARL, will head to Iceland and be active as **TF/DK4ARL** from **August 14-21st**. QSL via the DARC Bureau.

**TZ, MALI.** A international team called the "NUMBER-ONES" is preparing to go to the Mali Republic, and will be active on the air from **August 12-23rd**. Activity will be on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, SSTV and Satellite AO-40 with operations on all bands. Their QTH will be from **Bamako**, the capital city of this beautiful and tropical African country. All operators are veteran Dxpeditioners and "Number One" operators:

- From Mexico - The outstanding DXer and well known expeditioner Luis, XE1L.
- From USA - The best specialist in digitals and satellites from Oakland, California: Doug, N6TQS.
- From Italy - Computers specialist and complete CW/SSB operator (from operations such as EL2PP, 1A0KM, JT1Y, E30GA, T77V, TT8MM, T32R, KH5/I8NHJ, K5K and XR0X), Max, I8NHJ.
- From Spain - A young, but veteran, CW operator from Valencia land, Javi, EA5KM. And finally Paco, EA5RD, SSB/Digitals and Julio, EA5XX, SSB/Digitals organizing and planning of this International DXpedition.

There will be more operators added to complete this "DREAM TEAM" operating from Mali. They want to reach every place in the world with very strong signals from Africa in a 10 days, 24 hours, all modes, all bands operation. The URE, Spanish Radioamatuer Association, will be the QSL manager, so the QSL cards will be via EA4URE. More information is forthcoming.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.** Matt, IK2SGC, informs OPDX that he will be on **North Caicos** as **VP5/IK2SGC** from **August 10-19th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters and also 6 meters.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.** Dave, AH6HY, will be active as **VP5/AH6HY** from **Grand Turk Island (NA-003)**, **September 26th through October 4th**. His activity will be on 40-10 meters SSB only. QSL via AH6HY. His Web site is at: <http://www.qsl.net/ah6hy/>

**VP9, BERMUDA.** Lou, K1YR, informs OPDX that he will be operating as **VP9/K1YR** from **VP9GE's QTH** from **July 9-16th**. This will include the **IARU Contest**. Activity will be on SSB/CW HF and maybe 6 meters. QSL to his home call.

**W1AW/3 IARU OPERATIONS.** Well-known contesteer Tim, K3LR, announced this past week: "As many of you already know, next weekend is the **IARU HF World Championship contest**. Station K3LR (nine band modes) along with two band modes at K3CR and one band mode at W3GH will host the Headquarters station for the American Radio Relay League as **W1AW/3** for the 24 hour contest. As you can imagine, this operation is a dream come true for me. Many regular contest men from the K3LR multi multi team will be here to give the ARRL HQ multiplier out to as many stations as possible. Operators scheduled to be on the team are: K3UA, N3RA, N9RV, K8MR, W9ZRX, W2RQ, LZ4AX, K8AZ, K8NZ, W9RE, W3GH and N3GJ. Thanks to Jim/WA3FET and Bob/W3GH for their help in manning their stations for the W1AW/3 effort. Also special thanks to the dedication and hard work by Dave, W9ZRX, we will have real time Internet linked combined CT log data from the station at Penn State University (K3CR). We hope that conditions and world wide participation are good for this event."

**XU, CAMBODIA.** Danny/M0GMT (19 yrs old) and Oliver/DJ9AO (20 yrs old), members of the World Wide Young Contesters Club ( <http://www.wwyc.net> ), will be operating from here between **August 3-18th**. Their QTH will be in **Sihanoukville**. Activity is planned on all bands 160-6 meters on CW and SSB, if possible with two stations at the same time. The activity will include an entry in the **WAE CW Contest**. Their assigned callsigns are **XU7ACT** and **XU7ACU**. QSLs are via G3SWH. A Web site is available, as well as online log checking, please visit for updated information at: <http://www.geocities.com/dxpedition2003/>

**YR0, ROMANIA.** The Romanian Amateur Radio Federation will participate in the **2003 IARU World Wide Championship** with a team representing 50 operators gathered around the IARU HQ contest station using the callsign **YR0HW**. This year the RARF will use the suffix HW instead of the usual HQ suffix letters in the honor of **YO4HW**, their team leader for many years, who died last year after putting a serious effort in this competition. A special colored QSL card will be printed and sent via the bureau to all contacts.

**ZA, ALBANIA (ALBANIA HITS THE RADIOWAVES AGAIN!).** A press release from Marti Laine, OH2BH: "The International group will be in Albania as you read this. DL6LAU, DL8OBQ, OH2BH, OH2NB and OH3BHL are there and making the preparatory steps for setting up a training program to enhance amateur radio further as well as operating on several new band modes, such as 6 meters and 2 meters.

They will join Geni, **ZA1B** and operate this callsign **until 13 July** with two stations. QSL cards will be handled together with the April/May ZA1B operation by OH2BH.

At the end of the week they will team up with the Albanian resident operators for the **IARU Radiosport** and activate the AARA (Albanian Amateur Radio Association) HQ station. **ZA1A** may be re-activated for the period of the IARU Contest and the upcoming training program. QSL ZA1A also via OH2BH."

**ZONE 2.** Two members from "Club de Radioamateur de Beauce" will activate this rare zone between **July 8-15th**. Look for Jacques/VE2AZX and Rosaire/ VE2GHZ to be active from **Sept-Iles, Havre Saint-Pierre** and **Natashquan**. They will operate SSB, mainly between 2300 and 0200z, on HF bands 40, 20 and 15 meters (Suggested frequencies are: 7095/7225, 14195 and 21295 kHz up), depending on local conditions, using the callsign **VE2GHZ/2**. QSL via home callsign either direct (CBA) or through the bureau.



**ZS5, SOUTH AFRICA.** Edwin, ZS5BBO, informs OPDX that after a long absence of two years, he has finally put up his beam. He will be active as **ZS5T** in the up and coming **IARU HF World Championship (July 12-13th)**. He is looking forward to working old friends and making new ones in the contest. Edwin will be operating on 10, 15 and 20 meters. Between now and the contest, Edwin will be active at odd times conducting tests and would appreciate reports from around the world.

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